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SUBJECT: WILL BENN BUY THE PWR?

REF: (A) LONDON 12895; (B) LONDON 12681

1. A SENIOR BRITISH SCIENTIFIC JOURNALIST IN DISCUSSING THE NNC REPORT ON REACTOR CHOICE (REF A) SAID THAT THE NNC HAD WISHED TO RECOMMEND ADOPTION OF THE PWR BUT REALIZED THAT FOR POLITICAL REASONS IT WAS NECESSARY TO BUY OFF THE AGR CAMP. THIS OBSERVER FELT THAT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR ENERGY, TONY BENN, WOULD AVOID MAKING A DECISION ON THIS ISSUE, THOUGH ONE IS EXPECTED IN OCTOBER. AMONG THE PLAUSIBLE REASONS FOR AVOIDING A DECISION, WHICH BENN MIGHT ADVANCE WOULD BE THE NEED TO AWAIT THE RESULTS OF THE WINDSCALE INQUIRY BEFORE MAKING OTHER MAJOR NUCLEAR DECISIONS. BUT WHEN BENN CAME TO

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MAKING A DECISION, THIS OBSERVER FELT HE WOULD CHOOSE THE AGR DESPITE THE STRONG BIAS OF THE REPORT IN FAVOR OF THE PWR.

2. THIS OBSERVER ALSO FELT THAT SIR HERMANN BONDI, THE NEW SCIENTIFIC ADVISER AT THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY WOULD BE OF ASSISTANCE TO BENN IN HIS TACTICS OF PROCRASTINA-

TION, WHICH ACCORD WELL WITH BONDI'S PREJUDICES.

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